

THE DEADLY DEDUCTION FILES

40 ILLUSTRATED MURDER MYSTERY LOGIC PUZZLES

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Every effort has been made to ensure that the puzzle has a fair and consistent solution. The reader is responsible for interpreting and applying the clues according to the rules provided in this book.

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HOW TO PLAY

Solve the crime by placing every character on the scene. Each clue narrows the possibilities until only one suspect can be alone with the victim.



1 Place Everyone

Each character occupies exactly one square. A character may stand on an empty floor square or on an object listed in the puzzle's "Can be occupied" key. Every other object is blocking and cannot be occupied.

2 One Per Row & Column

Like Sudoku, no two characters may share a row or column. Once someone is placed, cross out every other square in that row and column.

3 Read "Beside" Carefully

"Beside" means directly above, below, left or right, in the same room. Diagonal squares and squares across a wall do not count.

4 Catch The Murderer

The murderer is the one suspect who ends up alone with the victim in the victim's room. Every puzzle has a unique solution.



DETECTIVE'S TIP

Cross out impossible squares as you go.
The strongest clues often become useful only after another row or column has been eliminated.

HOW TO SOLVE: A WORKED EXAMPLE

Every case is pure logic, with no guessing. Follow this tiny 4×4 mystery one clue at a time. Place one guest in every row and column; whoever shares the victim's room is the murderer.

	KITCHEN		GARDEN	
1				
2	 STOVE			
3				
4				
	1	2	3	4

The Clues

- Clue 1. Ada was in column 1.
- Clue 2. Ada was in the top row.
- Clue 3. Bo was beside the Stove.
- Clue 4. Cy was in column 3.
- Clue 5. Dex (the victim) was in row 4, column 4, in the Garden.
- Clue 6. The Garden held exactly one other guest besides Dex.

Follow The Deduction

- Together, Clues 1 and 2 place Ada at row 1, column 1.
- Clue 5 fixes Dex at row 4, column 4.
- Clue 4 puts Cy in column 3. Columns 1, 3 and 4 are taken, so Bo must use column 2.
- By Clue 3, Bo must occupy the only column-2 square beside the Stove: row 2, column 2.
- Only row 3 remains for Cy, so Cy is at row 3, column 3.
- By Clue 6, Cy is the only guest sharing the Garden with Dex, so Cy is the murderer.

Cy shared the Garden with Dex, so Cy is the murderer.

	KITCHEN		GARDEN	
1	Ada			
2	 STOVE	Bo		
3			Cy MURDERER	
4				Dex VICTIM
	1	2	3	4



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INVESTIGATOR DOSSIER



INVESTIGATOR NAME: _____

CODENAME: _____

FILE OPENED: _____



OBJECTIVE: Examine the evidence. Place every suspect.
Identify the killer. Close all forty files.



CASE CLEARANCE

Complete all ten cases in a division to unlock the next investigative rank.



CLEARANCE I • CASES 1–10 • EASY

CASE ANALYST

Learn the scene. Follow the statements.
Eliminate the impossible.



CLEARED



CLEARANCE II • CASES 11–20 • MEDIUM

FIELD INVESTIGATOR

The evidence gets thinner.
Your deductions need to get sharper.



CLEARED



CLEARANCE III • CASES 21–30 • HARD

SENIOR INVESTIGATOR

Fewer obvious placements.
Longer chains. No room for assumptions.



CLEARED



CLEARANCE IV • CASES 31–40 • EXPERT

LEAD INVESTIGATOR

Only the most difficult files remain.



CLEARED



FINAL CLEARANCE

CASE FILES: CLOSED



40 / 40 CASES SOLVED



ALL FOUR CLEARANCE LEVELS COMPLETED



FINAL COMMENDATION UNLOCKED

DATE CLOSED: _____

★ CASE TRACKER ★



Use your pen to check off each case as you solve it. The mysteries are arranged across four difficulty levels, beginning with straightforward placements and progressing to longer, more demanding chains of deduction.

Work through the cases in order, or choose the difficulty that matches the challenge you want today.



EASY



MEDIUM



HARD



EXPERT

☐ Case 1

☐ Case 11

☐ Case 21

☐ Case 31

☐ Case 2

☐ Case 12

☐ Case 22

☐ Case 32

☐ Case 3

☐ Case 13

☐ Case 23

☐ Case 33

☐ Case 4

☐ Case 14

☐ Case 24

☐ Case 34

☐ Case 5

☐ Case 15

☐ Case 25

☐ Case 35

☐ Case 6

☐ Case 16

☐ Case 26

☐ Case 36

☐ Case 7

☐ Case 17

☐ Case 27

☐ Case 37

☐ Case 8

☐ Case 18

☐ Case 28

☐ Case 38

☐ Case 9

☐ Case 19

☐ Case 29

☐ Case 39

☐ Case 10

☐ Case 20

☐ Case 30

☐ Case 40



Each file has one unique solution.
Cross off the case when you've cracked the truth.
Keep investigating.

Case 1

EASY

The scene is exactly as the suspects left it. Place everyone and discover who was alone with Angela.

CAN OCCUPY



CHAIR



SOFA



BATHTUB



TOILET



CAR

NAMED IN CLUES, BLOCKED



PLANT



TOOL
CABINET



PANTRY
SHELVES



Case 1



Marie was against an **outer wall** of the floor plan; she was also beside some **pantry shelves**.



Lettie was in the **5th row**, in the **3rd column**.



Joshua was beside a **plant**.



Penn was in the **Living Room**, in the **4th column**.



Sidonie was **4 squares** from the **tool cabinet**, counting the difference in rows plus the difference in columns.

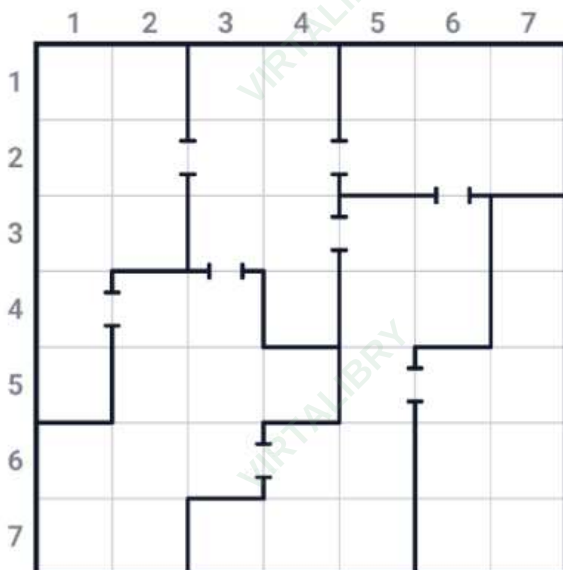


Roy spent the whole evening sitting on the **chair**.



Angela
The victim. Whoever shared her room is the killer.

THE MURDERER IS _____



Case 2

EASY

Leonard trusted the wrong person. Read the statements, place the suspects, and find who was alone with him at the end.

CAN OCCUPY



TOILET



CHAIR



BATHTUB



CAR

NAMED IN CLUES, BLOCKED



PLANT



TOOL
CABINET



PANTRY
SHELVES



Case 2



Rollo was in the **Bathroom**, in the **rightmost column**.



Oriana was in the **Bedroom**; she was also beside a **bed**.



Basil was in the **Kitchen** and in the **4th column**.



Audrey never left; she was beside some **pantry shelves** all night.



Frederick was **3 squares** from the **workbench**, counting the difference in rows plus the difference in columns.

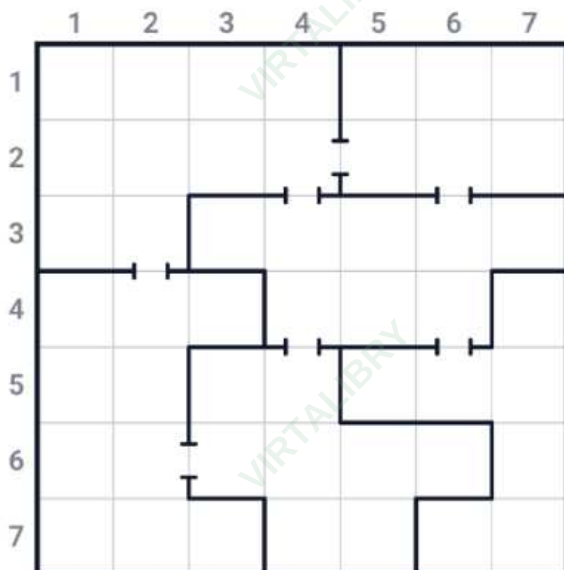


Kenelm stood corner to corner with **Rollo**, touching diagonally.



Warren
The victim. He was alone with the murderer.

THE MURDERER IS _____



Case 3

EASY

By the time the lights came back on, Warren was dead. Place every suspect; the one alone with him is the killer.

CAN OCCUPY



BED



CHAIR



BATHTUB



TOILET



CAR

NAMED IN CLUES, BLOCKED



WORKBENCH



PANTRY
SHELVES



Case 3



Yates was sitting on the **chair** and beside a **desk**.



Duncan was in the same **row** as the **car** and the **trunk**, somewhere between them.



Guinevere was against an **outer wall** of the floor plan, beside a **refrigerator**.



Mark was beside a **kitchen island**, and beside a **table** as well.



Wayne was in the **Garage** and in the **6th row**.

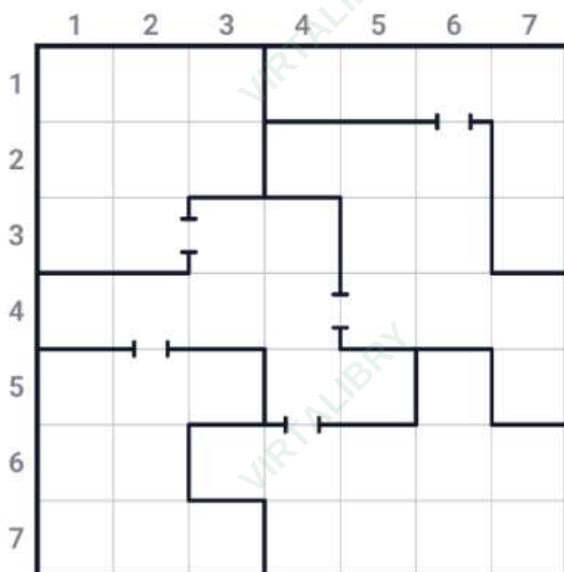


Edwina was in the **4th row** and in the **rightmost column**.



Todd
The victim. His room held exactly one other person, the killer.

THE MURDERER IS _____



Case 4

EASY

Someone killed Todd. One person per row, one per column. Find who shared the room with him.

CAN OCCUPY



CHAIR



CAR



TOILET

NAMED IN CLUES, BLOCKED



TABLE



KITCHEN ISLAND



REFRIGERATOR



DESK



TRUNK



Case 4



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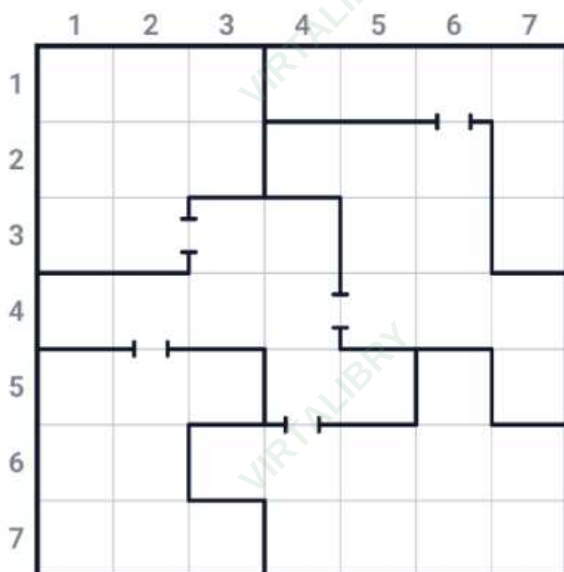


Edwina was in the **4th row** and in the **rightmost column**.



Todd
The victim. His room held exactly one other person, the killer.

THE MURDERER IS _____



Case 5

EASY

Kay trusted the wrong person. Read the statements, place the suspects, and find who was alone with her at the end.

CAN OCCUPY



NAMED IN CLUES, BLOCKED



Case 5



Norton was against an **outer wall** of the floor plan, beside a **car**.



Skipton was **2 squares** from the **trunk**, counting the difference in rows plus the difference in columns.



Anthea was in the **Kitchen** and in the **2nd column**.



Griselda was beside none of the **pantry shelves** in her room; there were several of them there.



Travis: By every account, he was beside some **pantry shelves**.



Mark was in the **Kitchen** and in the **4th column**.



Kay
The victim. Her room held exactly one other person, the killer.

THE MURDERER IS _____

